

# Geospatial Data Distribution



#### Who We Are

- APFO is the primary source of aerial imagery for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- Data Stewards for NAIP, and historical aerial photography collected for USDA dating back to 1955.



# Who We Support

#### USDA

- FSA Compliance and Ortho Imagery
- NRCS Conservation
- USFS Resource Management

#### Federal, State and Local Governments

- Land Management Agencies
- Emergency Management and Response

#### Commercial

- Planning
- Litigation
- Environmental
- Development

# How we support

- Provide data warehousing and archive capabilities for USDA.
- Support the implementation and use of GIS in service Centers by acquiring imagery and delivering in a format that is ready to use.
- Provide contracting services to acquire geospatial data sets.

# Data Acquisition and Integration

- USDA acquires and integrates data sets for one purpose.
  - To support access and delivery of these data sets for use in meeting the agencies program mission.

#### Data distribution is

 A means to quickly and efficiently deliver data to our customers

- Accomplished thru:
  - Media delivery (CD, DVD, Portable Hard Drive)
  - Web based applications and services
  - √ FTP
  - APFO Sales Department

# Distribution Technologies

- Geospatial Data Warehouse
  - Accurate basemaps for the USDA
  - ArcIMS web services
- APFO Data Provisioning System
  - Sales Order Processing
  - Ad-Hoc on demand products
- Geospatial Data Gateway
  - Pre defined products; CCM's and CLU's
- Geospatial One-Stop
  - Searchable Metadata
  - Access to ArcIMS web services

#### **Business Processes**

- Flight Planning
- NAIP Contract
- Receive and archive Products
- Product Inspection Process
- Products released for distribution
- Archive NAIP Products to GDW
- Catalog NAIP Products to APFO DPS
- Load 1 meter Products in SDE

## Data Access and Delivery

- Access and delivery of geospatial data to service center offices, internal, and external customers in support of business needs encompasses four major ideas:
  - Data warehousing
  - Data selection
  - Packaging
  - Delivery

# Data Warehousing

 USDA Implemented Geospatial Data Warehouse (GDW) as part of the Service Center Modernization Initiative.

 To facilitate archive storage, data access, browsing, retrieval, and use of GIS data.

#### Data Selection

- APFO Data Provisioning System (DPS)
- Geospatial Data Gateway (GDG)
- Geospatial One-Stop
  - Provide an intuitive web based searching method.
  - Users can find and select data by entering a county name, a place, or use an online mapping tool.

# Packaging

- APFO Data Provisioning System
  - Based on application needs users can specify how the image, vector, or tabular data is to be formatted or reprojected.
  - Create custom data sets for specific applications.

# Delivery

- APFO Data Provisioning System
  - Depending on the telecommunications capabilities and urgency of the data request, users may select ftp downloading or select to have media delivery.
  - Media Delivery
    - CD/DVD
    - USB hard drive
- OnCoarse delivery from GDW

# Geospatial Data Warehouse



# Data Management Team Recommendations

- Establish on-line data warehouses at Data Acquisition and Integration Centers (APFO & NCGC). Centers serve as the certified source for data dissemination and on-line applications. Centers are responsible for acquisition, integration, storage, archival, maintenance, and dissemination of geospatial data.
- Establish a common Internet Portal as a "onestop-shopping" service for geospatial data. The distributed nature of the data appears seamless to users by linking the warehouses through a common Internet portal that provides one-stopshopping services.

#### Infrastructure

- Geospatial Data Warehouse
  - Massive data storage architecture
    - More than a Petabyte capacity
  - Servers, storage and software to support CLU and NAIP basemapping
- Data provisioning capability
  - On demand capability to create and deliver custom geospatial data products
  - Integrated large volume RIMAGE CC/DVD burners
  - Integrated media servers for very large image delivery
- Network bandwidth and infrastructure to support the USDA requirements
- Evaluation of new data management and delivery technologies

# Business Requirements for the GDW:

- Support Service Center Agencies
  - Authoritative Source for SCA Geospatial Data
    - MDOQ/DOQ Ortho Base imagery
    - NAIP Imagery
    - Common Land Unit
    - Administration and Political Boundaries & Master Reference Themes
  - Custom Delivery of the data
  - Provide Web Services for integration into desktop and web applications
- Support Cost Share Partners
  - Volume Delivery
- Support Federal Mandates
  - Data is in Public Domain
  - FGDC Geospatial One-Stop
  - eGov
  - GOS

#### What the GDW Provides:

- Web service access to national MDOQ and NAIP imagery for SCA offices
- Support for a national CLU layer for FSA via replication of the CLU from the field service centers
- APFO in-house NAIP inspection process
- APFO Sales Branch data distribution via APFO Data Provisioning System

# How the GDW Supports FSA Farm Programs

- Base information for maintaining CLU boundaries and farm records
- An intuitive base map for interacting with customers
- Disaster assessment prior to and after an event
- Provides authoritative data

## APFO GDW Vision

- Integration into the USDA delivery portal, the Geospatial Data Gateway
- Expanded outreach via APFO Data Provisioning System
- More sophisticated web and map services

# Web Portal - Geospatial Data Gateway



# Overview of the Data Gateway

- Provides a single access point to USDA geospatial data.
- Data sets served are determined by the USDA Service Center GIS strategy.
- Support the development, presentation, and dissemination of information by Service Center field staff working with customers.

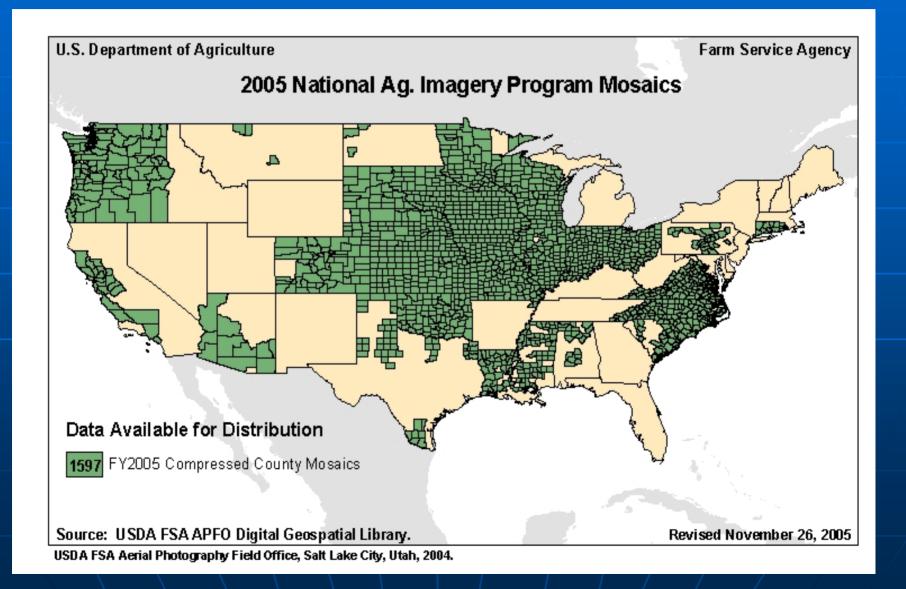
# Goals and Objectives

- The goals and objectives of access and delivery of geospatial data in the context of GIS Implementation in the Service Centers include:
  - Support more efficient and timely program delivery.
  - Supply greater quantity and variety of products and services for the customer.
  - Improved quality of products and services for the customer.
  - Optimize service center staff access to geospatial data and information.

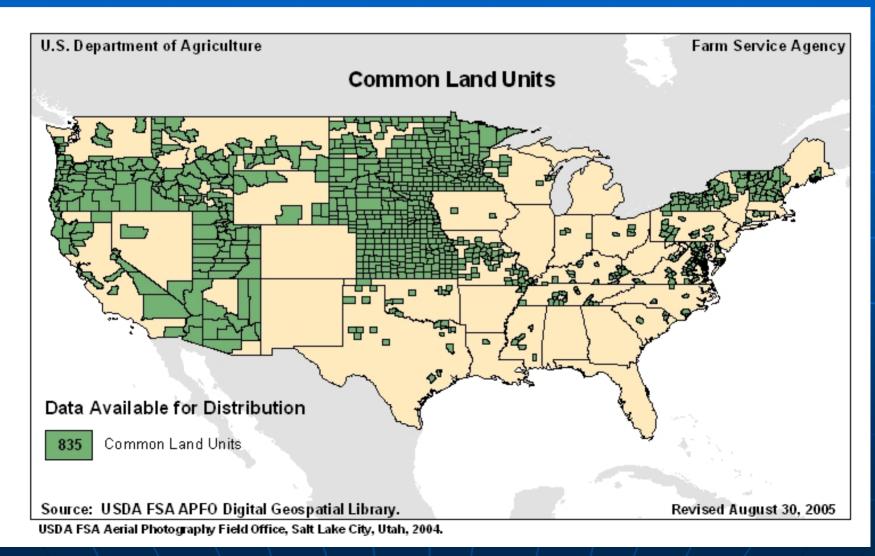
# Geospatial Data Themes

- Critical Themes
  - Ortho imagery
    - NAIP Compressed County Mosaics (CCM)
    - MDOQ Compressed County Mosaics (CCM)
  - Common Land Unit (CLU)

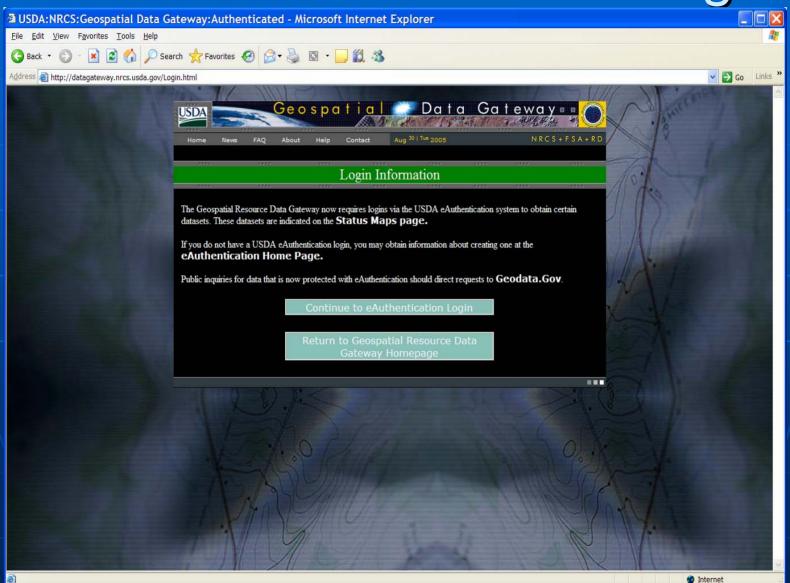
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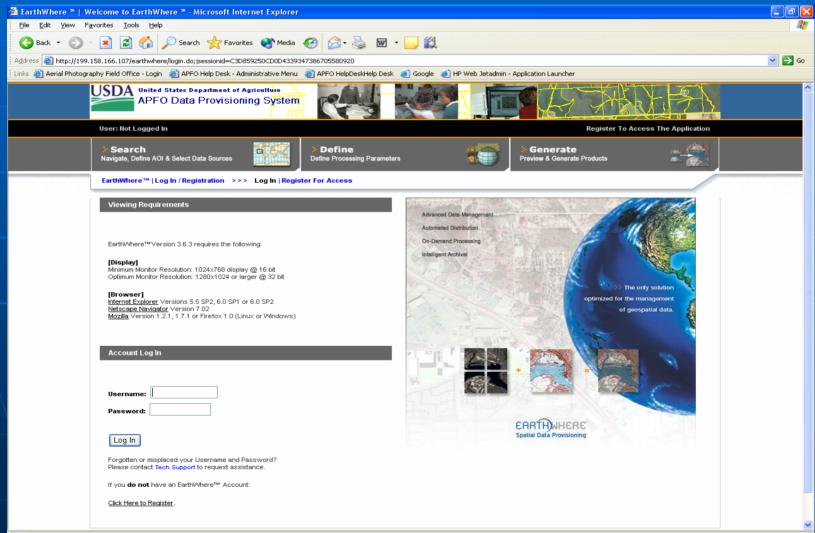
# Certified Common Land Units (CLU)



# USDA eAuthentication Login



## Aerial Photography Field Office Data Provisioning System



#### APFO Data Provisioning System

- COTS Application
- Newest version (3.6) developed with APFO requirements in mind.
- Is a software application designed to improve the function of "Provisioning" geospatial imagery, specifically *remote sensing data-sets*, to end users.
- Provisioning is the process of creating custom derivative raster products from an archive of source imagery
- <u>Search</u> for data, <u>define</u> your output parameters, <u>generate</u> the product and download the result to your application or document
- Creates optimized raster datasets for use in enterprise systems such as ArcSDE/ArcIMS and ArcGIS

#### APFO Data Provisioning System

- Provides a "view" into your data holdings
  - Most Current Data
  - Historical Archive
- Catalogs
  - MDOQ, NAIP, CLU, others
- Approximately 4-5 years of data will be on line
- Integrated with the GDW infrastructure
   over 1 petabyte capacity

# **Objectives**

- Establish a process to determine coverage and fulfill imagery requests for NAIP quarter quadrangle data using EarthWhere
- Define integration points between imagery request fulfillment process and work order entry system (WOES)
- Incorporate the APFO reference vector grids within EarthWhere
- Integrate the imagery fulfillment process with the Geospatial Data Gateway

#### Data Access Issues

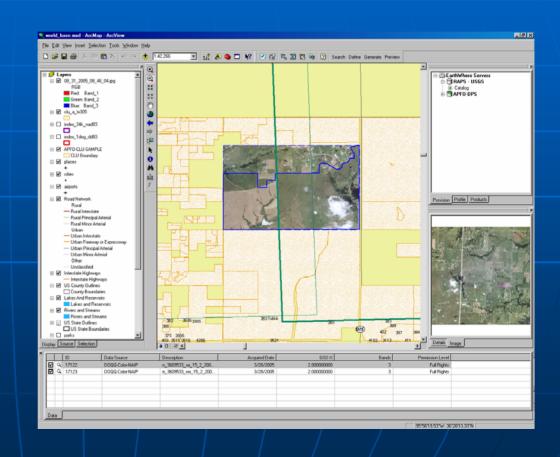
- Majority FSC consumers requesting web map services
- Minority FSC requests will require packaged data delivery
- Special-case bulk orders for cost share partners, and large vendors
- Miscellaneous small order requests for USDA users come via Gateway
- Require fully automated delivery systems for Gateway-type orders
- Order tracking necessary at least for Gatewaytype requests

# Data Delivery Methods

- FTP
- Media Types
  - CD, DVD, Portable Hard Drive
- Output Directory
- Symbolic links for local data access

# DPS Capability Under Evaluation

- RasterConnect forArcGIS
- Provision directly from the DPS into ArcGIS



# In Closing

- APFO available to assist SCA as needed
- Accounts must be requested in advance
- Web based no additional software needed
- Future integrations
  - Large orders
  - Non-contiguous orders
  - FCGC Compliant Metadata for custom provisioned products
- Funding Support
  - Data Storage
  - Data Access and Delivery